

REMARKS

Claims 2-16 and 18-22 have been presented for consideration in this application. Claims 1 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice and disclaimer of subject matter recited therein. Claims 10-16 are allowed.

Correspondence Address

Applicants would like to respectfully point to the Examiner that Applicants submitted a change of attorney correspondence address request on July 11, 2001; however, applicants are still receiving correspondence on the old address. Applicants respectfully request that the correspondence address be changed as indicated in the change of correspondence address request.

Claim Objections

Claims 2-5 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2 and 19 have been re-written in independent form and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102(e)

Claims 1, 7, 9, 17-18, and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Janoska et al., US 6,539,024. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 1 has been canceled thus the rejection of claim 1 has rendered moot.

Claims 7 and 9 have been amended to depend from amended claim 2, which has been indicated as allowable. Therefore, claims 7 and 9 are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as amended claim 2.

Claim 17 has been canceled thus the rejection of claim 17 has rendered moot.

Claims 18 and 20-22 have been amended to depend from amended claim 19, which has been indicated as allowable. Therefore, claims 18 and 20-22 are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as amended claim 19.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Janoska et al., US 6,539,024 B1, in view of Miki et al., US 6,453,394 B2. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to depend from amended claim 2, which has been indicated as allowable. Therefore, claims 6 and 8 are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as amended claim 2.

Applicant do not believe any fees is required to consider this response; however, in any circumstances that fees are required to consider this response, Applicants authorized the Commissioner to charge any applicable fees to applicants' deposit account number 20-0668. Applicants believe this application and the claims herein to be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,



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